

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JACK CHESTER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Jack Chester has been recognized for his lifetime of exemplary service to his community and to the Republican Party; and

Whereas, Jack Chester has been acknowledged for his performance and leadership in the areas of law and hospital administration; and

Whereas, Jack Chester should be commended for his service to the United States Navy and in the Electoral College.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Jack Chester for his outstanding accomplishments.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union under consideration in bill (H.R. 3132) to make improvements to the national sex offender registration program, and for other purposes:

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, we are faced with an historic opportunity this year to pass legislation to combat violent hate crimes that continue to plague our country.

Despite the brutal killing of Matthew Shepard 7 years ago, Congress has failed to pass the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act. We have a rare opportunity today to finally pass this bill as an amendment to a crime bill, and we must not let this opportunity pass us by again.

In the years that followed Matthew Shepard's death, thousands of hate crimes have been committed and Congress has failed to protect gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender individuals from these heinous crimes.

Tragically, we are all far too familiar with the violent acts of hate crime. Congress has been too slow in responding to the hate crimes that continue to threaten our communities all across America. Time after time, we hear horror stories of murderers attacking innocent people because they happen to be members of a certain community.

Remember, hate crimes are especially odious because they victimize more than just the individual victim; they also are acts of terrorism directed against an entire class of citizens. When a hate crime is committed, it sends a message to every member of the tar-

geted group that they risk their lives simply by remaining part of that community or ascribing to that identity. Americans should never have to be afraid to live the way they choose.

The Conyers amendment would strengthen existing Federal law in two ways. First, it removes the requirement that the victim be engaged in a federally protected activity when the crime is committed. The amendment will thereby make it easier for Federal authorities to prosecute or assist local authorities in prosecuting hate crimes. Second, it expands the definition of hate crimes to include those motivated by gender, gender identity, disability, and sexual orientation.

We must all redouble our efforts to pass sensible hate crimes prevention legislation this year. We must continue our fight to protect American families from violent bigotry and vicious acts of hatred. I urge my colleagues to vote for the Conyers amendment.

H.R. 3673, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the supplemental appropriations bill for the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

My heart goes out to the people of New Orleans, and to all the families affected by Katrina in States across the gulf coast. The huge path of devastation Katrina left behind has horrified us all. And we have been equally horrified by the conditions and difficulties confronting the affected families as they struggle to meet life and death challenges brought each day since the hurricane.

As I have, the entire world has been moved by the resiliency and fortitude of these stalwart Americans and their ability to pick up the pieces and move forward. I know that State and local officials in Louisiana and all the affected States take enormous pride in their people and appreciate the outpouring of assistance that has been rendered to those in need by police, emergency personnel, religious organizations, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus, our military, National Guard, and the community at large.

Tragically, this administration failed to meet its responsibilities, and the Republican leadership in Congress, which oversees our Federal agencies, must share the blame for the terribly inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina by the Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Repeatedly, the Republican leadership has cut critical funding and personnel for FEMA. The Federal response along the gulf coast was poorly planned, inadequately coordinated, and just plain late, leaving hundreds of thousands to endure prolonged peril.

In addition to my concern about the human welfare of the victims of Hurricane Katrina, I am also concerned that the inadequate response to this emergency has exposed weaknesses that indicate we may not be adequately prepared to meet the challenge of a terrorist attack or future national disasters. It is essential therefore, that we carefully scrutinize what went wrong. Not to point fingers or place blame, but to identify and to correct our mistakes, and fortify our weaknesses in order to assure the American public that things will be different in the future.

I support this funding bill today, because clearly it is needed. However, I am deeply disappointed in the Republican leadership's current approach to address this disaster and the weaknesses it has uncovered. With little consultation with Democrats, Congress has already given nearly \$60 billion to FEMA, an agency universally recognized to have failed in its mission on the gulf coast. Rather than work in a bi-partisan way to address the weaknesses in FEMA and require accountability for the millions of appropriated dollars, the Republican leadership has unnecessarily rushed through two appropriations bills with little debate and no opportunities for amendment by the House.

Meaningful corrections to our emergency response capabilities will take time and careful consideration by both parties in Congress working together on behalf of the American people. Yet the Republican leadership, again without consulting Democrats, has moved forward with a partisan proposal for oversight hearings controlled by the very same congressional leadership responsible for lack of oversight and inadequate funding of FEMA in the first place.

If we are genuinely interested in getting to the root of the problem, a "no holds barred" analysis of FEMA's shortcomings is critical. The most effective way to meet this objective is through an investigation conducted by an outside, nonpartisan panel of experts, such as the 9-11 Commission, which shed so much light on our intelligence shortcomings. Even while we are stunned by the devastation of Katrina and know that FEMA and the administration should have done better, we should not shy away from taking a hard look at what went wrong and how we can correct it. Again, such evaluation does not constitute finger pointing—it is clearly the responsible thing to do. It is a responsible act in order to be adequately prepared for a future crisis or disaster. We owe no less to those who have suffered and lost so much during this disaster and we owe no less to the American people.

I will support this necessary funding today. In the future, however, the Appropriations Committee must be given the opportunity to perform its mission to scrutinize requests carefully. And the House must be allowed the time to debate and amend the bill as necessary.

Mr. Speaker, many have already commented that the response to this national tragedy differs significantly from the bipartisan conduct and unified feeling we had after the

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terrorist attacks on September 11. Let's again resolve to proceed in a bipartisan manner to address the underlying problems of our national disaster response as we continue to supply the necessary support to the people of New Orleans and the gulf coast to enable them to put their lives and their communities together again.

TRIBUTE TO HALL OF FAME
COACH JIM BOEHEIM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Syracuse University's Head Coach and my fellow Central New Yorker, Jim Boeheim. On September 10, 2005, Coach Boeheim was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame joining the likes of legendary coaches such as Red Auerbach, Lenny Wilkens, and Dean Smith.

On and off the court, Coach Boeheim has proven to be a great leader and a great mentor. Both his colleagues and players admire his coaching abilities as well as his personal traits.

Coach Boeheim became head coach of Syracuse University in 1976 after working as an assistant. Since then, his resume shows a remarkable list of accomplishments:

- 703 career wins;
- 74.5 winning percentage;
- 1 National Championship—2003;
- 10 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances;
- 3 Final Four appearances;
- 40 NCAA Tournament wins;
- 27 20-win seasons;
- Big East All Time Wins Coach;
- Three-time Big East Coach of the Year;
- Eight Big East regular season championships;
- Elected to Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame—1991;
- 2000 Recipient of the Claire Bee Award;
- Three-time USBWA choice for Coach of the Year;
- Nine-time NABC District II Coach of the Year;
- Eighth-fastest Division I coach to reach 600 wins.

Clearly his record alone is worthy of his induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame, but as any Syracuse native can attest, his efforts do not stop on the hardwood floor. Both he and his wife Juli are active community members. They organize and participate in a wide variety of community events; all with the goal of giving back to the people who have given them so much.

Topping the Boeheims' list of community endeavors is their creation of Coaches vs. Cancer's Basket Ball. Basket Ball, a yearly celebration of dinner and dancing aimed at raising funds for local American Cancer Society programs and services, has brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars and benefited an untold number of cancer victims.

Mr. Speaker, undoubtedly Coach Boeheim deserves this prestigious honor, and it is with great pleasure that I help recognize his commitment to Syracuse University, Syracuse basketball, and our community as a whole.

HONORING AND MEMORIALIZING
THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF
UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, 4 years after the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 gave their lives to save others, Congress recognized their heroic actions by passing legislation calling for a permanent memorial in the U.S. Capitol. The presence of mind and strength they exhibited on September 11, 2001 averted an even greater tragedy in the Pittsburgh region.

As passengers and crew of Flight 93 called their loved ones and quickly learned of their fate, they knew what had to be done. Looking out the plane's windows that clear day, they saw our homes, our schools, and our communities in southwestern Pennsylvania. Valuing human life, something their hijackers did not, they waited to act until they were over an empty field, sparing our lives. Their goal of averting tragedy in our Nation's capital was realized, but in their final moments, they were also thinking of us.

For their actions that day, families throughout southwestern Pennsylvania hold a special place in their hearts for the passengers and crew of Flight 93. Prayers of thanks go to them for giving their lives to save so many. I encourage every resident of the 18th Congressional District visiting Washington, DC to take time to stop by the memorial after its completion and honor Flight 93. We have our lives, our families, and an enduring example of the human spirit for which to thank them.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
DON MELHORN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Don Melhorn received the President's Award from the Muskingum County Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, Don Melhorn has been acknowledged by the members of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau for his excellence and commitment toward farming; and

Whereas, Don Melhorn should be commended for his outstanding dedication to the Muskingum County Farm Bureau and for his exceptional knowledge and expertise.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Don Melhorn for receiving the President's Award.

IN HONOR OF DR. AMANDA BADEN,
2005 ANGEL IN ADOPTION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, Dr.

Amanda Baden, who is an outstanding example of someone who has made a critical difference in the lives of children through work on adoption issues. Dr. Baden, a Licensed Psychologist and Assistant Professor at Montclair State College, is my congressional district's Angel in Adoption. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the gala honoring her, so I hope to honor her now.

Dr. Baden's commitment to adoption issues is rooted in her own history: She was born in Hong Kong and adopted as an infant by a couple from New York. She has used her personal experience to advance the understanding of trans-racial adoption by academics and professionals. Her contributions to the adoption community have touched many lives.

Through her passion and determination, she has actively engaged and educated professionals in the adoption process. She co-developed the Cultural-Racial Identity Model, which has gained recognition for its value as an alternative means for considering the identity paths for transracial adoptees. Dr. Baden, along with Mary O'Leary Wiley, recently published a journal article pertaining to birth parent issues in *The Counseling Psychologist*. She was also part of the writing team that published the "Outstanding Major Contribution" in *The Counseling Psychologist* on adoption issues in 2003. She has lectured regionally and nationally and she has co-chaired the series of adoption-related conferences at St. John's University in New York City. She has conducted numerous workshops about the psychology of adoption for professionals, families, and adoptees of all ages. I look forward to her soon-to-be-published work, *The Handbook of Adoption*, which I believe will become a singular reference for families interested in adoption.

In addition, Dr. Baden gives freely of her time to many organizations involved in adoption. She is a consultant and board member to both the Korean Adoptee and Adoptive Family Network (KAAN) and the Families with Children from China of Greater New York (FCCNY). She also contributes her time to International Adoption Alliance and the Children's Aid and Family Services organizations in New Jersey. Dr. Baden has even found time to initiate and lead a peer-support group for professionals dealing with issues of adoption in their own fields.

Dr. Baden is highly recommended by her peers in the academic world and by those in the adoption field. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Penn State University, a Master of Education in Counseling from the University of Georgia, and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Michigan State University. I invite you to visit her website www.transracialadoption.net to learn more about her work and adoption issues.

Dr. Amanda Baden is a remarkable individual who has set an example of passion and commitment we should all strive to achieve.

UGANDA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express our Nation's gratitude for the contribution made by the people and Government of

Uganda to the relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Sam Kutesa was in Washington recently when he announced that his country was donating \$200,000 to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. Expressing his government's sympathies toward the people affected by Hurricane Katrina, Minister Kutesa said: "We know that, under the guidance of the two former presidents, money collected by the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

While a contribution of \$200,000 may seem small in comparison to the vastness of the hurricane's destruction, please keep in mind that Uganda is a small country that has also suffered its share of devastation.

Americans must remember the terror and oppression of the Idi Amin regime, which came to an end in 1979 but its effects are still being felt. The ruthless dictator Idi Amin deliberately destroyed Uganda's economy and infrastructure and displaced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes and businesses.

In 1986, after a long civil war, President Yoweri Museveni came into office with promises to stabilize the country, facilitate economic growth, and restore dignity and humanity to the political process. In the years since, he has largely lived up to those promises, although—like any country trying to emerge from decades of tyrannical government—Uganda still has problems that need to be addressed.

Uganda's contribution to the recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina should be seen in the context of the bonds of friendship between our two countries. Uganda is a key regional ally in the global war on terror, and through the efforts of President Museveni and his government, East Africa is a more stable place today than it was 20 years ago.

Indeed, Uganda has faced its own, home-grown terrorism, in the form of the brutal Lord's Resistance Army, which has raped and pillaged the northern part of Uganda and terrorized the population there. Led by religious zealot Joseph Kony, the Lord's Resistance Army kidnaps children and forces them to be soldiers in a pointless war against their own families and neighbors. There is a very good reason that the Lord's Resistance Army has consistently been listed as a major terrorist organization by the State Department's annual publication, *Patterns of Global Terrorism*.

Uganda also faces a terrorist insurgency by the smaller, but no less deadly, Allied Democratic Forces. The ADF, as it is known, extends its tentacles beyond Uganda: Several of its members were captured in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban and al-Qaeda, and they are now interned by the U.S. government at Guantanamo Bay.

With all this in mind, our gratitude toward Uganda and its people, and particularly toward President Museveni, should be clear and strong.

Mr. Speaker, it recently became my pleasure to become the co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Uganda. I encourage all Members of this body to consider joining the caucus so that they can study more closely the U.S.-Ugandan bilateral relationship and learn more about how Uganda and the United States can work together on matters of mutual concern.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask that an article entitled "Uganda Is Latest African Donor of Relief to Hurricane Katrina," by Washington File staff writer Jim Fisher-Thompson, be entered into the RECORD. This article treats in more detail some of the issues I have just described.

UGANDA IS LATEST AFRICAN DONOR OF RELIEF TO HURRICANE KATRINA: FOREIGN MINISTER KUTESA DESCRIBES \$200,000 DONATION

(By Jim Fisher-Thompson)

WASHINGTON.—Uganda has joined other African nations responding to devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina with a donation of \$200,000 for relief and rebuilding efforts in New Orleans and communities along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Visiting Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa told the Washington File September 7 that the government of President Yoweri Museveni and the people of Uganda "feel with you and sympathize with you at this time of sorrow. We know you have lost dear ones, as well as considerable property. And we want Americans to know we are thinking of them and are standing shoulder to shoulder with them."

The official made a point of mentioning the donation was not just a pledge but that the money would be transferred immediately to the Bush-Clinton Katrina fund.

Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. Gulf Coast August 29. The storm and subsequent flooding have devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and left thousands homeless.

A statement released by the Ugandan Embassy September 8 announcing the donation quoted Museveni as saying, "The United States has been generous in responding to natural and humanitarian disasters all over the world, including in Africa. Uganda has more than once been the beneficiary of this generosity and justice requires us to aid the people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who have lost their homes and loved ones."

President Bush named his father, a former president, and former President Bill Clinton to head up fund-raising efforts for reconstruction that may cost more than \$150 billion. The hope is they can duplicate their very successful fund-raising efforts for victims of the devastating tsunami that struck South Asia in December 2004.

Kutesa said, "We know that under the guidance of the two former presidents money will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

Uganda joins other African nations contributing to Katrina relief including: Djibouti, \$50,000; Gabon, \$500,000; and Kenya, \$100,000.

Noting the symbolic value of the Uganda donation matched against the immense sums needed for reconstruction, Kutesa told the Washington File, "America has been very generous in helping Uganda fight HIV/AIDS and developing its economy. So it is only right that we try to help as much as we can. We wish we could do more but we are limited."

Kutesa said, "We know what human tragedy can mean. Unfortunately in Africa much of it has been man-made instead of natural. The human tragedies of Idi Amin and Milton Obote, for example, led to the deaths of more than 800,000 Ugandans" in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Now, he said, Uganda is one of the best friends America has in Africa and "we look forward to strengthening our relations as we both cope with the aftermath of disasters that have struck our countries."

Kutesa's next stop in America is New York City, where he said he will participate in the

annual United Nations General Assembly meeting the week of September 13-17. President Museveni plans to attend with a number of other African leaders.

A highlight of the U.N. gathering, Kutesa said, will be a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda in a tripartite peace process for eastern Congo begun two years ago with the help of the U.S. State Department. After Burundi recently joined, the Great Lakes peace effort is now called the "3 plus 1" talks.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL FINKELSTEIN'S 50 YEARS AS AN ATTORNEY AND LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Daniel Finkelstein, a great New Yorker and a dear friend of mine. On September 29, 2005, Danny's friends, family and colleagues will gather to celebrate his 50 years as an attorney. Anniversaries are a time for reflection, and I feel that it is fitting to reflect on the career of a truly remarkable man.

Mr. Finkelstein's distinguished 50-year career as a real estate litigation attorney has earned him the respect of New York's legal community; indeed, Danny is widely known as the "Dean" of New York's landlord-tenant lawyers. Formerly a founding partner of New York City's largest landlord-tenant law firm, Danny currently serves as the senior partner of Finkelstein Newman LLP.

A graduate of New York University and Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Finkelstein's professional accomplishments include his service as Senior Real Estate Manager for the Board of Estimate of the City of New York and his role as Assistant Chief Enforcement Attorney to the Temporary State Housing Rent Commission.

Mr. Finkelstein also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association, NYCLA, and was the chair of its Committee on the Civil Court. He is an active member of several NYCLA committees, including the Association's Committees on the Judiciary and the Civil Court Practice Section.

Danny has made tremendous contributions to the legal profession, but he has also placed a priority on teaching the law to others. For many years, Danny served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School and taught courses at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Mr. Finkelstein's contributions to legal scholarship include a two-volume, 2000 page treatise on Landlord and Tenant Practice in New York and his service as Editor-in-Chief of *Landlord-Tenant Monthly*, a law journal published by Treiman Publications.

Additionally, Mr. Finkelstein lectured, in conjunction with Brooklyn, Fordham, and New York Law Schools, on the rights of senior renters before members of the New York State Bar Association, on the conduct of landlord-tenant trials at numerous legal education forums and on arbitration and mediation programs. I am particularly proud of Danny's work

to create the nationally recognized and award-winning "Safe Housing for Children" lectures, which were sponsored by NYCLA, the New York Foundling Hospital and Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service.

Finally, Mr. Finkelstein received Certificates of Appreciation from Presidents Ford, Nixon, Johnson and Kennedy for his service to the Nation and his contributions to the Military Selective Service Act and Selective Service System.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring Daniel Finkelstein's 50 years in the legal profession and his lifetime of service to New York City. Along with Danny's longtime friends, colleagues and co-workers, I wish him many more years of happiness and outstanding public service.

HONORING GARY MOUNT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Mount on being named the 2005 Apple Grower of the Year by American/Western Fruit Grower magazine, sponsored by Cerexagri. This award recognizes the progressive approaches, hard work, and dedication to learning of a leading apple grower. New Jersey can be proud to have a native son singled out from among all the apple growers around the Nation.

Mount, a resident of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, has honed his growing skills along with his wife Pam, co-owner of Terhune Orchards in Princeton. Although Mount had grown up on his father's 300-acre apple farm, he did not originally plan on a farming career. Instead, Mount graduated from Princeton University with a degree in physiological psychology and had planned on pursuing his Ph.D. It was only after his experience of joining the Peace Corps and serving in the Central Pacific islands of Micronesia that Mount decided to dedicate his life to farming.

For the past 30 years, Mount has continually pursued his quest to discover the best and most innovative farming techniques. Mount has demonstrated this commitment by attending industry meetings including serving as a member of the International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association, IDFTA for more than 25 years and on the board of directors for 11 years. Additionally, Mount has been treasurer of the New Jersey State Hort Society for about 12 years, former president of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, a New Jersey water commissioner for many years, and currently, a soil conservation district supervisor. Active also in New Jersey Farmland Preservation, Mount's efforts have helped growers pass on their land without fear of it being developed.

Throughout his farming career, Mount has also considered it a top priority to have an environmentally sound approach to farming. Particularly on pest management issues, Mount has worked with Extension agents from Rutgers University to develop an integrated pest management, IPM program at Terhune Orchards. By informing his neighbors about his approach to pest management, and then, creating a poster with specialists at Rutgers ex-

plaining the practices and benefits of IPM that is displayed at farm markets, Mount has developed a trusting relationship with consumers who feel confident that the fruit they purchase has not been fertilized with hazardous chemicals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 12th district of New Jersey, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gary Mount on his 2005 Apple Grower of the Year award.

HONORING THE REVEREND PHILIP CASCIA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many friends, congregation members, and community leaders that have gathered to pay tribute to an outstanding religious leader and my good friend, Father Philip Cascia. Today marks the end of an era at St. Anthony's as we bid farewell to a real community treasure. There is no doubt that Father Cascia has touched the lives of every member of the St. Anthony's parish. Though he will be missed, the legacy he leaves will continue to inspire others for years to come.

Father Cascia's commitment to service through religious leadership has been unwavering and his involvement, not only with his congregation, but with the entire Prospect community has been essential to its spiritual growth and prosperity. One of his first acts after his ordination in 1977 was the establishment of a St. Vincent dePaul Society in Waterbury. Just a year later, the St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store opened which was followed in later years by a mental health center, a soup kitchen as well as a homeless shelter—the soup kitchen and homeless shelter have become the largest in Connecticut.

Father Cascia has been a strong leader not only in our community, but in communities across the world. A 1988 trip to the Soviet Union as the coach of the wrestling team at Sacred Heart High School led to the establishment of the Waterbury-Leningrad Intersport Trade commission—a program which arranges exchanges between sports teams in the United States and other countries including China, Vietnam and Brazil. Most recently the Intersport exchange program is hoping to send soccer teams to San Paolo, Brazil, where Father Cascia is overseeing the opening of an orphanage and school. In addition to the Intersport program, for the last two decades Father Cascia, at the request of the United States Department of State, has also been helping youths in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1991, he opened an orphanage for victims of the country's terrible earthquakes, and upon his return, Father Cascia and his parish have been sending much needed supplies to them ever since.

Father Cascia is a man of God—but so, too, is he a man of the people. And he understands that the Church is not simply comprised of people. He understands that the Church is the people—the People of God. He knows that it is the parishioners who support the Church and keep it running—who run its

charity events and bake sales—that it is their stories and their lives that infuse the Church with moral authority. There is no better example of living faith with commitment and dignity.

Father Cascia's unparalleled leadership has allowed Saint Anthony's to flourish. Our churches, as much as they are distinct, all provide innumerable contributions to our communities. He has become a fixture in our community and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for all of his good work and for enriching all of our lives. As a spiritual guide, he has nourished the souls of many—often providing much needed comfort in the hardest of personal trials. We cannot thank him enough for the indelible mark he has left on this community. For his outstanding leadership and his many years of special friendship, I am proud to join with the Prospect community in wishing Father Cascia well as he leaves Saint Anthony's. May God bless him and keep him well as he continues in his mission of peace, compassion, and most importantly, hope.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, during consideration of H.R. 3132, I mistakenly voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 469, the Conyers amendment. It was my intention to vote "no" on the Conyers amendment as I had consistently done in the past, and I ask unanimous consent that my statement be entered into the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO AS THEY CELEBRATE 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is celebrating 5 years of excellence in service to the Appalachian region of Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has enriched the quality of lives across the 29 counties in Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, through principles based on charity and civic activism, has promoted economic opportunity and re-investment in Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has an established reputation as an organization dedicated to the betterment of Ohio by assisting individuals and organizations with programs, services and resources.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in celebrating the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's 5 years of outstanding service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 21

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the status of the World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine energy prices.

SD-562

Environment and Public Works

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Endangered Species Act and the role of States, Tribes and local governments.

SD-406

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming.

SR-385

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine able danger and intelligence information sharing.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine what lessons have been learned to secure U.S. transit systems relating to the London terrorist attacks.

SD-342

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the impact of Hurricane Katrina on small businesses.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine energy prices.

SD-562

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Charles A. Ford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Mark Langdale, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Brenda LaGrange Johnson, of

New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, Timothy Elliott Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, proposed Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, and S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the financial services industry's responsibilities and role in preventing identity theft and protecting sensitive financial information.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine communications in disaster.

SD-562

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-342

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine whether Capital offenders should be buried in America's national cemeteries.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine cost and payment plans for the Medicare Modernization Act and if the new legislation will meet the needs of seniors.

SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, S. 1378, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and S. 1627, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System in Delaware.

SD-366

3 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Education and Early Childhood Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina's displaced school children.

SD-430

SEPTEMBER 23

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings to examine issues relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on the needs of those displaced, today and tomorrow.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 27

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1701, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines, and S. 961, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 28

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine S. 1334, to provide for integrity and accountability in professional sports, and S. 1114, to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine
Indian housing.

SR-485

SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effec-
tiveness and cost of the Defense Travel
System of the Department of Defense.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine proposed
Duck Valley Reservation, Shoshone
Paiute Tribes, Water Rights Settle-
ment.

SR-485

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. mili-
tary strategy and operations in Iraq.

SD-106

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 21

2 p.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revital-
ization Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine
the Forest and Rangeland Research
Program of the USDA Forest Service.

SR-328A